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Redevelopment Board Minutes 07/26/2004

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Meeting of July 26, 2004

Members Present: Ed Tsoi
Lynne Lowenstein
Nora Mann
Roly Chaput
Barry Faulkner

Also Attending: Kevin J. O'Brien, Secretary ex officio
Joey Glushko

Ed Tsoi opened the meeting and announced the continuance of the hearing to amend the special permit for Citizens Bank at 1420 Massachusetts Avenue. Carol Bugbee presented the proposal for new signs. Ed Tsoi suggested that canopy awnings over the entrance arches be placed within the arches. It was agreed that the changeable sign, displayed at the hearing with "hello," can be illuminated externally and put on a timer so it is not illuminated late at night. Nora Mann moved and Lynne Lowenstein seconded that the permit be amended to allow the proposed new signage on the condition that revised drawings be submitted for approval to the Director of Planning. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor.

Next Mark Pasillo was introduced seeking an amendment to the special permit for Greater Boston Motorsports at 1090-1100 Massachusetts Avenue. Mr. Pasillo wishes to locate a hair salon on the second floor of the building. The hair salon has a greater parking requirement than the building has available. Mr. Pasillo stated that he did not know how many spaces the building had available. He was appointed by the court to operate the building for the owner. After some discussion, Mr. Pasillo was asked to return at a future meeting with a parking plan and asked to keep motorcycles displayed for sale out of the parking spaces. Nora Mann moved that the hearing be continued to 7:00 PM on August 16, 2004. The motion was seconded by Roly Chaput and voted 5 to 0 in favor.

Kevin O'Brien then discussed the progress in the Symmes project. Nora Mann moved that the Board enter Executive Session in order to discuss the negotiation with the developer in a manner that if it were held in open session could affect the value of Town owned land. Roly Chaput seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board. Lynne Lowenstein – yes, Nora Mann – yes, Roly Chaput – yes, Barry Faulkner – yes, and Ed Tsoi – yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin O'Brien

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John Maher, Town Counsel; Jeff Mullan, counsel to the Board; Charlie Foskett, Brian Rehrig, and Elizabeth Carr-Jones of the Symmes Advisory Committee; Patrick McMahon, Jake Upton, and Tony DiSciullo of the Symmes Redevelopment Associates joined the Board and staff in the Executive Session.

John Maher explained the current status of meeting with the partnership (Lahey Clinic and Healthsouth) regarding the environmental cleanup of the site.

Jeff Mullan then explained the terms of the agreement with the developer. The Board expressed its satisfaction with the agreement. Jake Upton expressed the satisfaction of the redeveloper, and indicated that they would make application for MEPA review by August 21. Nora Mann moved and Roly Chaput seconded the motion to leave Executive Session, and Kevin O'Brien polled the Board. Lynne Lowenstein – yes, Nora Mann – yes, Roly Chaput – yes, Barry Faulkner – yes, and Ed Tsoi – yes.

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